

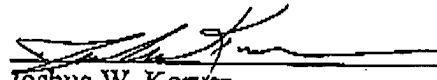
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

On October 4, 2004 an Examiner Interview was held between Examiner Joshua Campbell and Applicants' representative Joshua Korver of Merchant & Gould. During the Interview, proposed amendments to the claims corresponding to new claims 23-31 were faxed to Examiner Campbell. Examiner Campbell preliminarily indicated after a search that new claims 23-31 would be allowable as proposed, and that the Examiner would enter the present amendment. A continuation application is also being filed concurrently with the present amendment so that the original claims will be further considered. Applicants' sincerely thank the Examiner for his consideration of the present claims and the donation of his time for the Interview.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, all pending claims are believed to be allowable and the application is in condition for allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any further issues regarding this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney for the applicant at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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